

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of January 23, 2004 and the above amendatory action has been taken either to place the application into condition for allowance for in better condition for appeal.

The Examiner has withdrawn the rejection of the claims on cited art and has made a new rejection which is final on the grounds that applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection.

Independent claims 1, 16, 31, 46, 56, 66, 76, 79, and 82 have been amended. A number of dependent claims have also been amended, and claims 4, 19, 34, 55, 65 and 75 have been cancelled.

The independent claims incorporate subject matter from the dependent claims and it is therefore respectfully submitted that the independent claims are in allowable condition.

Claims 76, 79 and 82 have been amended to delete subject matter therefrom in order to avoid the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Amended independent claim 1 includes, the feature of:
"content-linking said supplemental information, action, or both, with said time-

sequence data during playback of said time-sequence data:

wherein said supplemental information, action, or both is provided in a content-driven manner based on the content of said time-sequence data during playback of said time-sequence data".

It is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art references cited discloses at least the above feature in amended claim 1. More particularly, it is noted that the examiner states that LaJoie discloses that "the event data base pertains to the televised program", and has construed this feature as disclosing a content-link. However, it is respectfully submitted that this construction goes beyond the actual disclosure in LaJoie. There is no disclosure or suggestion anywhere found in LaJoie that would support that "pertains" discloses a content-link for content-driven presentation as now claimed in amended claim 1. Rather, it is respectfully submitted that to a person skilled in the art the term "pertains" would merely suggest that the information from the event database is somehow relevant to the televised program.

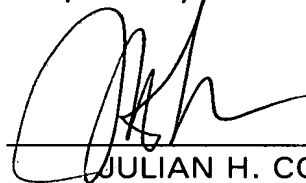
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

Similarly, amended independent claims 16, 31, 46, 56, 66, 76, 79, and 82 each include features corresponding to the abovementioned feature of amended claim 1. Therefore, these amended independent claims and their

respective dependent claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

By reason of the above action and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application are in allowable condition and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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